

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a friction plate for a wet clutch which includes an annular core plate and a friction member bonded to at least one of annular flat surfaces of the annular core plate, each friction member comprising a plurality of friction member segments disposed on the annular flat surface, an oil groove being provided between adjacent friction member segments,

wherein the following steps are adopted to bond the plurality of friction member segments simultaneously to the annular flat surface of the annular core plate: a step of making a plurality of cuts in at least one band-shaped friction member material in a lengthwise direction to form a plurality of friction member strips; a step of retaining the friction member strips with distances therebetween corresponding to the oil grooves being formed between adjacent friction member strips; a step of cutting off a portion of a tip end of at least one of the friction member strips which are located at opposite ends of the friction member material to thereby ~~secure~~ provide the oil grooves between the friction member segments on the annular flat surface; and a step of superposing friction member segment correspondence portions forming the tip ends of the plurality of friction member strips to the annular flat surface of the core plate having an adhesive applied thereto, and cutting the friction member segment correspondence portions away from the remaining portions of the friction member strips.